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The Grapevine

Newsletter of the Yountville Veterans Home

December 23, 2010

Jones receives Awards

Stan Jones, Skilled Nursing Facility Administrator, recently transferred from the Ohio Army National Guard to the California National Guard. During a ceremony in Columbus, Ohio, Stan was presented with two medals for his meritorious service to the United States.



Legion of Merit Medal

He was presented with the Legion of Merit Medal, a military decoration awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements, and the Meritorious Service Medal, a military award presented to members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguished themselves by outstanding meritorious achievement or service to the United States. He also received a beautiful keepsake clock for his years of service with the Ohio Army N.G.

Congratulations, Stan!



Meritorious Service Medal

AL National Commander visits the Home

On Saturday, December 11, 2010, Jimmie Foster, National Commander of the American Legion was here for a tour of our wonderful facility. Mr. Foster; Rocky Chavez, Under Secretary for CDVA; Marcella McCormack, Home Administrator, and several other members of the American Legion participated in the *Wreaths Across America* event and the Army/Navy Football Game event in the HRA.

The group also toured the newly remodeled Member Services Building and the Memory Care Center. The tour concluded with a tour of the Pathway Home Program by Fred Gusman.

Thank you for all you've done for this Home, American Legion! We look forward to many more years of working with you.



Marcella McCormack, Home Administrator; Jimmie Foster, AL National Commander; Rocky Chavez, CDVA Under Secretary; Mark Foxworthy, State Commander

Rough Riders donate 300 Wreaths in Weaths Across America

The Rough Riders Motorcycle Club consists mostly of veterans of all wars; Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel. They are dedicated to veterans' causes and POW/MIA issues and awareness. Their mission is to support all veterans, veteran groups and veteran hospitals.

The Rough Riders have a continuing presence here at the home. We see them at all times of the year. They are an important part of our Memorial Day events, visit and serve Residents in the Dining Room, and much more. This year the Rough Riders raised the money to provide 300 wreaths for our cemetery. The beautiful wreaths are displayed on the Cemetery fence and at the graves.



Army vs. Navy

The annual Army/Navy Game on December 11 kicked off at 11:40 a.m. The game was shown on the large screen in the HRA while the Napa High School Cheer Leaders cheered for each team from the sidelines. Snacks and beverages kept the football fans happy, with the possible exception of the Army fans. Navy won 31 to 17.

Air Force Band--A Great Show

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

With a stunning European snow country background, the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West presented another outstanding Christmas performance for a Veterans Home and Community audience on Sunday, December 5.

Beginning with a fanfare of “Deck the Halls” and closing with a “Holiday in Blue” sing along with the lyrics printed in the program. Another dozen Christmas favorites were part of the nearly two-hour show with the sounds of flutes, oboes, bassoons, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, tubas,

guitars--and more-- performed by over forty talented musicians.

More musical delights were presented by four fine vocalists, including a Glenn Miller medley that put tears in the eyes of the audience. A large-screen video with scenes of the Air Force Band and vocalists performing for domestic and overseas audiences accompanied the performance.

This remarkable United States Air Force Band of the Golden West performs for free. Contributions from Jelly Belly, the Veterans Home of California Yount-



ville and the Napa Valley Register made the performance possible. Our most sincere thanks go to all the USAF Band, their Leaders and their support personnel, and to the sponsors who make this annual Christmas show a don't-miss musical gift!

It's getting to look a Lot like Christmas

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

And that's because of the loyal and dedicated Travis Air Force Base personnel who come to our Veterans Home each year to decorate. Holderman, Eisenhower and all the facilities and domiciles on campus are adorned with lights and holiday decorations. This year, bright and early on the morning of Friday, December 3, over seventy Travis Air personnel arrived to begin decorating.

Working all day, each residence and more received the expert talents of the great men and women that do so much to bring the true spirit of Christmas to the Home.

And again, our thanks go to our Travis Friends who give us cheer each and every Holiday Season.



Mini Cooper Car Clubs bring Holiday Surprise

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

Outfitted in traditional and stunning Christmas costumes, over twenty members of the Shasta and Redwood Empire "Mini Enthusiasts" motored to Holderman Hospital the morning of Saturday, December 4. Joined and escorted by a Christmas-costumed squad of Hills Angels, the "Minis" separated in two groups to visit and cheer the Holderman Hospital Residents and Residents of other higher care facilities.



During the lunch hour, the entire group of Mini Cooper Club members entertained the diners at the Main Dining Hall with personal greetings and a very professional song-fest of Holiday traditional songs, including performances by "Elvis Santa" and lovely ladies singing "Santa Baby." Meanwhile, to the delight of car enthusiasts, the string of Mini Cooper automobiles patiently awaited their owners at the curb sides of the Main Dining Hall.

These benevolent visitors spread joy and good cheer, provided great entertainment in spectacular Holiday apparel. The two clubs raised and donated a total of \$1,500 for the Veterans Home "transportation fund."

To the Del Castelllos and Norman Nelson, and to all the gracious and generous Mini Coopers who wanted to do something special for the Veterans, our most sincere thanks for these Holiday gifts.



The Oak Ridge Boys--Another Great Show

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

Adding to its bonanza of concerts and celebrity presentations, the Lincoln Theater brought the famous Oak Ridge Boys to the stage for a superlative Holiday Show on Wednesday, December 8. The popular group charmed and interacted with the audience for over two hours. The first half of the performance concentrated on pop favorites. But during the second half, they musically celebrated Holidays with familiar holiday songs and Christmas gospel music.

The outstanding stage scenes, lighting and large screen video images proved their showmanship to the packed audience. From plain Christmas tree background with a colorful The Oak Ridge Boys banner, the scene changed to remarkable silver trees in snow country, and then on to brightly colored trees with a home-town background.



In meantime, the lighting experts dazzled the crowd with spectacular light patterns across the stage. The nostalgic video scenes added even more Christmas spirit, highlighted by their song "Mama's Table." That's as heartwarming as it gets!

Loud applause not only goes to The Oak Ridge Boys and its support staff, but also to our Lincoln Theater officials and members for another great show!



A Magical Christmas Experience

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

You have only until January 23, 2011, to go back to childhood Christmas fantasies of toys and relive joyous, care-free days when Santa was everywhere! The Napa Valley Museum invites you to *The Dreams of Toyland Exhibition* by Dolph Gotell, an internationally acclaimed collector, designer and lecturer of all things related to Christmas.

Over thirty magnificent miniature panoramas are on display such as "Up on the House Top," Santa going down the chimney; "Waiting for Christmas," a little girl by her tree in anticipation; "Teatime in London," an Old English Christmas dinner table and guests; "Mouse Soup," two cats with their supply of mice ready for cooking. Each display is a masterpiece of charm, nostalgia and amazement.

In addition, at a wall entrance to the exhibit are pictures of Christmas scenes and Christmas characters of the Victorian era. A total exhibit not to be missed!

Dolph Gotelli, affectionately known as "Father Christmas," owns one of the world's largest nineteenth- and twentieth-century Christmas collections. His displays combine imaginative and whimsical content for both young and old that transport one to childhood fantasies and dreams.

The Napa Valley Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Tuesdays. The admission fee is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors. Visitors of age 17 or under are always admitted free as are all Home Members. On Mondays, admission is free for all. For more information call (707) 944-0500.



Afraid to Fall?

Then sign up for the Fall Prevention Class beginning on January 11, 2011. It is a 10-week course on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:30pm in Lee Lounge. Space is limited so sign up immediately in the Activities Office.

New Years Eve Returns to Grant Hall



Food and appetizers from the “Lakeside Grill,” lots of bubbly and The Julianne Band to dance the evening away!

It all begins on Friday, December 31 at 7:00 pm in Grant Hall of the Member Services Building.

Activities Department Important Announcement

Beginning January 2011 all Residents signing up for activities are required to provide a phone number where they can be reached. You may provide your home phone number, your cell number or the phone number for your section.

For Fun, Profit and Support: Saturday Night Bingo!

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist



Starting at 5:00 p.m. every Saturday, your chance to win your way to financial security is waiting for you at the Hero’s Cafe in the Member Services Building. Well, maybe not financial security but at least the chance to win money--\$25 to \$100 while having FUN!

The crowds began gathering at Lee Lounge Saturday evening, December 4. Prospective winners had to be turned away (but given a \$10 rain-check) because every seat was occupied. The temporary location, now at Hero’s Cafe, should provide a place for everyone--with the last stop possibility at Grant Hall.

And the best part of all is the support the Bingo games provide for AMVETS which in turn supports you, Pathway Home, Salvador School and many other projects here at our Vets Home. In addition, AMVETS Social Service Foundation gives the Home \$100,000 a year!

Home Resident Dick Hum, Veterans Home Coordinator for AMVETS, and his staff have lucky Bingo numbers not only for Home Residents and Staff, but Yountville residents, Napa Visitors and friends. Visitors are offered transportation to their cars after the games conclude -- and Home Residents to their residences, if requested.

Where are you going to spend an evening of more fun for profit and support than Saturday night Bingo? And, there are snacks, pastries and soft drinks waiting for you too.



Lincoln Theater Winter 2010/Spring 2011

a sneak peek at the upcoming season

A wide variety of music, dance and family shows will fill the stage at Lincoln Theater Napa Valley in the coming months. Information on those performances are available now at www.napa-valleysymphony.org.

- Saturday, January 1 at 8:00 p.m.
Rick Bartalini Presents Bill Maher
- Wednesday, January 12 at 8:00 p.m.
Luis Bravo’s Forever Tango featuring Dancing With The Stars Champion Cheryl Burke
- Saturday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m.
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (children’s musical)
California Theatre Center
Family Show
- Sunday, January 23 at 3:00 p.m.
From the Top – Hosted by Pianist Christopher O’ Riley
- Tuesday, February 1 at 8:00 p.m.
Forever Plaid (musical for all ages)
- Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 p.m.
Vienna Boys Choir
- Sunday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Steve Lippia and his Big Band “Simply Swing”
- Saturday, February 26 8:00 p.m.
Alonzo King’s LINES Ballet
- Saturday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m.
Kenya Safari Acrobats
- Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 p.m.
Angela Au, Pianist
- Friday, March 11 at 8:00 p.m.
In My Life
A Musical Theatre Tribute to The Beatles,
narration by Brian Epstein
- Friday, May 6 at 8:00 p.m.
Roby Lakatos Ensemble
- Saturday, May 7 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 8 at 3:00 p.m.
Company C Contemporary Ballet
- Saturday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m.
The Ugly Duckling (musical)
by Han Christian Andersen
California Theatre Center
Family Show

Thank you, AMVETS, for your continued support of the Yountville Veterans Home Media Program



Residential Care Special Activities

Sign up early at Activities or call 944-4900

Activities office needs to be notified forty eight (48) hours of any scheduled trip. To Cancel - Please call (707) 944-4900. “No Shows” will be stand-by only for future trips for 60 days.

December		
Date	Time	Event
29-Wed	9:30am	Am Legion Bingo
31-Fri	7:00pm	New Years Eve Party in Grant Hall of MSC
January - subject to change		
Date	Time	Event
3-Mon	10:00am	Shopping: Walmart Am. Canyon *MBS
4-Tue	1:30pm	St. Supery Vineyards Tour *MBS
7-Fri	5:00pm	Basketball: Warriors vs. Cleveland *MBS
8-Sat	8:30am	Breakfast Club: Hwy 29 Cafe *MBS
11-Tue	1:00pm	Pinochle Tournament *MSC
11-Tue	2:30pm	Taco Tuesday at Compadres *MBS
12-Wed	9:00am	Allied Council *MSC
13-Thu	10:00am	Remembrance *CHP
16-Sun	7:30am	Napa Sr. Center Breakfast *MBS
16-Sun	11:30am	Harlem Globetrotters at Oracle Arena *MBS
17-Mon	5:00pm	Basketball: Warriors vs. New Jersey *MBS
18-Tue	11:30am	Highway Patrol School, Sacramento *MBS
20-Thu	1:00pm	Domino Contest *MSC
20-Thu	3:30pm	Napa Valley Museum Free Day

*CHP: Main Chapel; *GH: Grant Hall in MSC; *HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; *LT: Lincoln Theater; *MBS: Main Bus Stop *MCC: Memory Care Center; *MDR: Main Dining Room Bus Stop, *MSC: Member Services Building



Napa Valley Symphony presents

Sun, Jan 30 3pm	Mendelsohn - The Hebrides (Fingal’s Cave) • Mozart - Violin Concerto No. 3 • Stravinsky - The Firebird Suite (1945 Version) with Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violinist/conductor
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Grapevine Deadlines & Publications

Month	Publication	Deadline
January	Jan 13	Jan 3
	Jan 27	Jan 14
February	Feb 10	Jan 31
	Feb 24	Feb 14
March	Mar 10	Feb 28
	Mar 24	Mar 10
April	Apr 14	Apr 4
	Apr 28	Apr 14